



The other day, I went to watch the recording of the third "Knights of the Zodiac" LP. This time, the music had been set to lyrics that I myself had written, so my heart was racing about the results. That professional musicians were going to perform my songs was the biggest thrill I have ever felt since I was born! Now that I've had a taste of this experience, I feel like aiming to become Japan's Heine, even if people ask, "Is Kurumada Masami switching professions to become a poet?" That's what's been going through my mind recently.

INOTE: Kurumada is referring to 19th-century German poet Heinrich Heine, who is regarded as one of the greatest lyric poets to have ever lived.]



Masami Kurumada made his manga debut back in 1974 with **Sukeban Arashi** (Delinquent Storm), the story of the life of a teenage girl. His first big hit came in 1977 with the popular series **Ring ni Kakero** (Put it all in the Ring). In 1986, he truly hit it big when he created **Saint Seiya** (Knights of the Zodiac), which was first serialized in **Weekly Shonen Jump** magazine, then went on to span 28 volumes, 114 TV episodes, 4 movies, and a video game!

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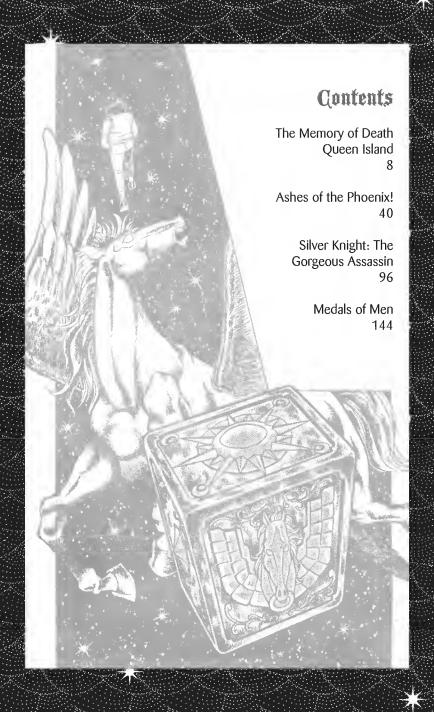
LEGENDS SPEAK OF ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, YOUNG MEN OF INCREDIBLE STRENGTH WHO PROTECTED THE GREEK GODDESS ATHENA. FOLLOWING THEIR TRADITION, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 ORPHANS OUT INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. SIX YEARS LATER, 10 OF THESE BOYS HAVE GROWN INTO UNEQUALED WARRIORS, AND HAVE RETURNED TO JAPAN CARRYING THE CLOTHS THAT ARE PROOF OF THEIR KNIGHTHOOD. LORD NOBU'S GRANDDAUGHTER, PRINCESS SIENNA, HAS LAUNCHED A TOURNAMENT AMONG THE KNIGHTS, WITH THE POWERFUL GOLD CLOTH AS THE PRIZE.

AT THE TOURNAMENT, THE GOLD CLOTH IS STOLEN BY IKKI, COMMANDER OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS AND THE LONG-LOST BROTHER OF BRONZE KNIGHTS FOLLOW IKKI TO A MOUNTAIN LABYRINTH, WHERE THEY FIGHT AND DEFEAT THEIR OWN DARK COUNTERPARTS, THE BLACK FOUR. HAVING RECOVERED ALL BUT ONE PIECE OF THE GOLD CLOTH, THE BRONZE KNIGHTS SURROUND IKKI, ONLY TO FALL BEFORE HIS MERCILESS ATTACKS. UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SOUL-SHATTERING PHANTOM DEMON PUNCH, IKKI REMEMBERS HOW HE SURVIVED HIS TRAINING ON DEATH QUEEN ISLAND AND BECAME THE LEADER OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS...



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VERY WELL. I'LL TELL YOU WHERE LORD DJANGO 15...



SO YOU MADE BRONZE KNIGHT AND YOU WANT YOUR CLOTH, EH?











































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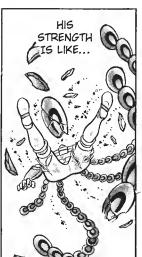






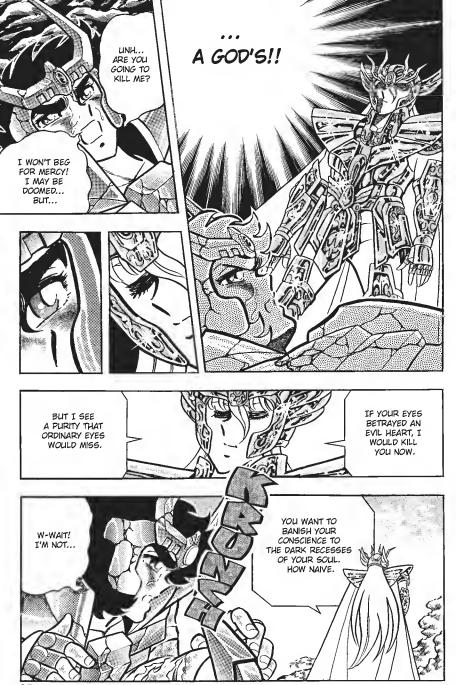






































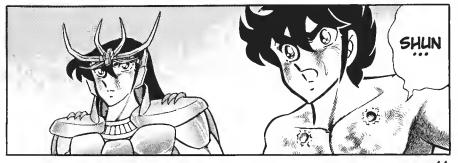










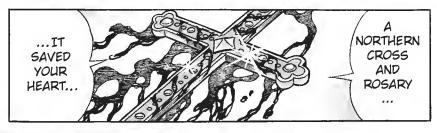








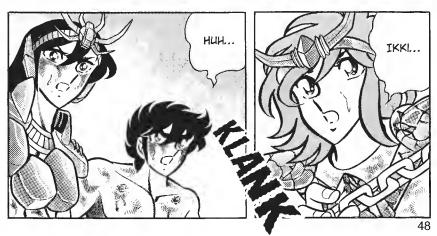








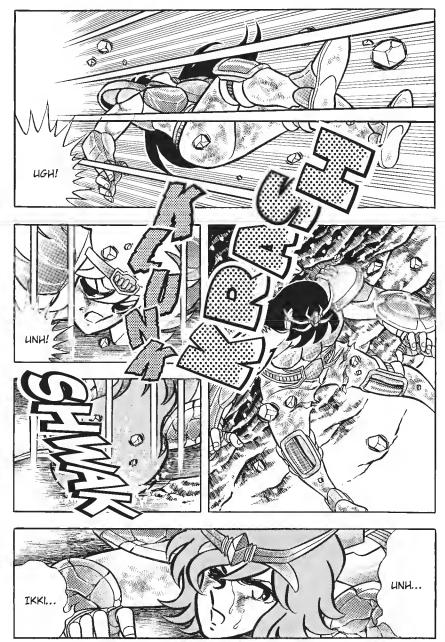




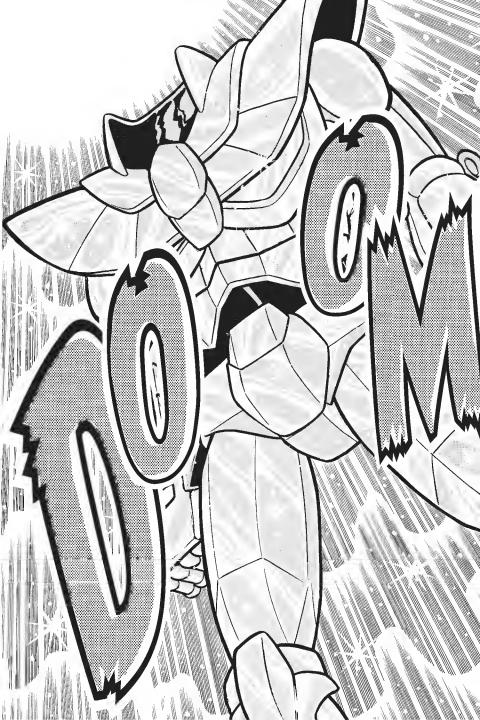






























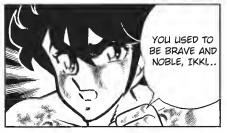




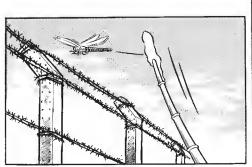








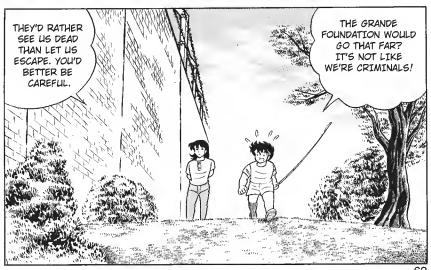








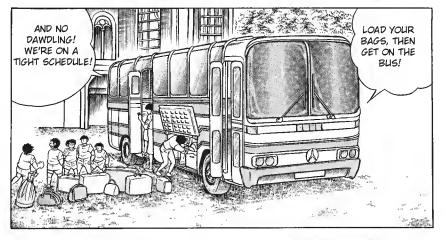






















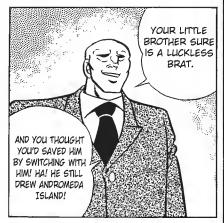








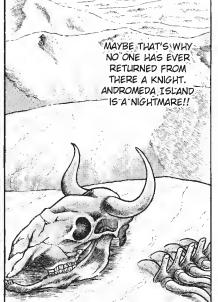






ANDROMEDA ISLAND...
SOUNDS LIKE HEAVEN,
DOESN'T IT? BUT IT'S
MORE LIKE HELL.
THE SUN HAMMERS IT
MERCILESSLY,
SCORCHING IT WITH
TEMPERATURES OVER
120° F!

THEN NIGHT COMES AND THE MERCURY FALLS TO A BONE-CHILLING ZERO!



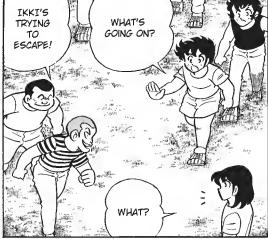




















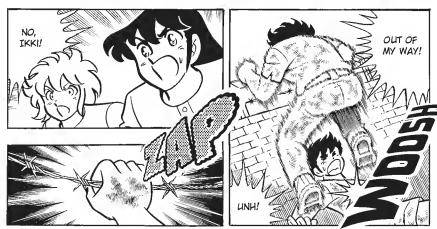






























































WITH THE PHANTOM DEMON PUNCH INSTEAD!!























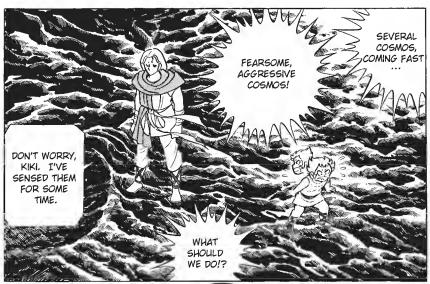




















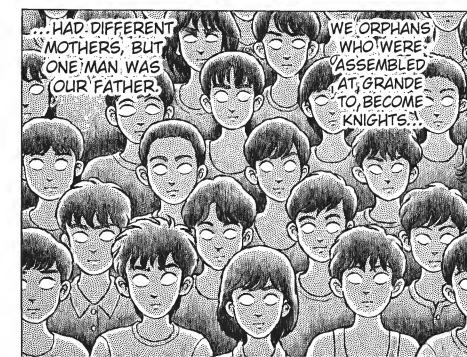




































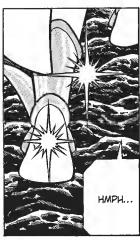


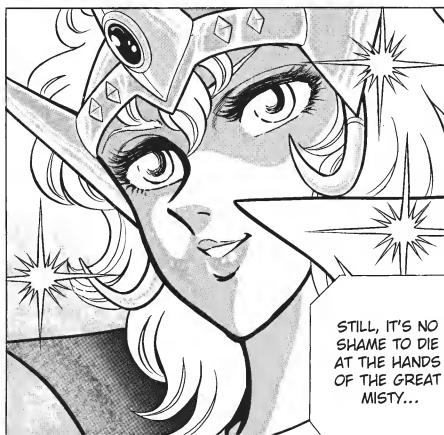




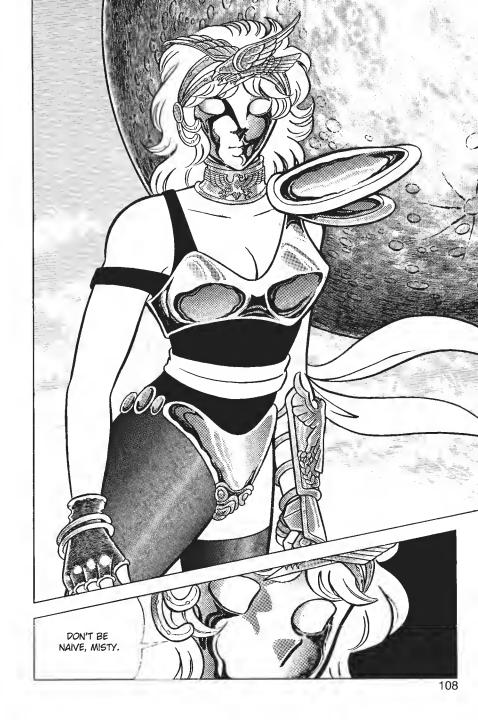




































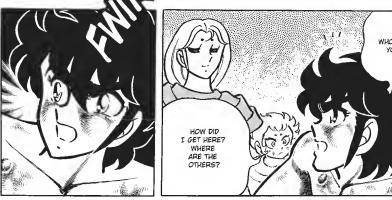
































A SILVER KNIGHT IS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN A BRONZE.



HE'S MISTY, THE SILVER LIZARD KNIGHT.



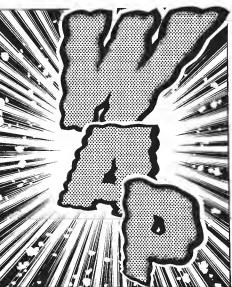












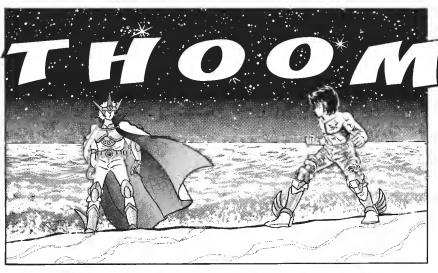






















AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN WEARING A CLOTH!



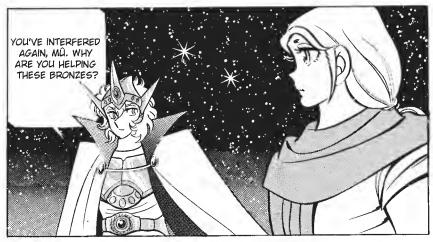
HOW WILL YOU RETRIEVE A CLOTH THAT'S BURIED UNDER MOUNT FUJI?

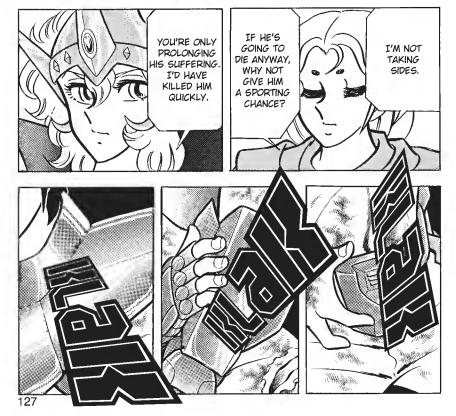














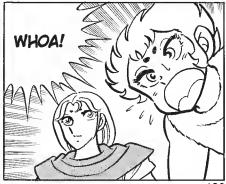
















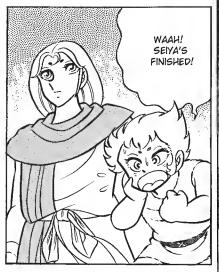






























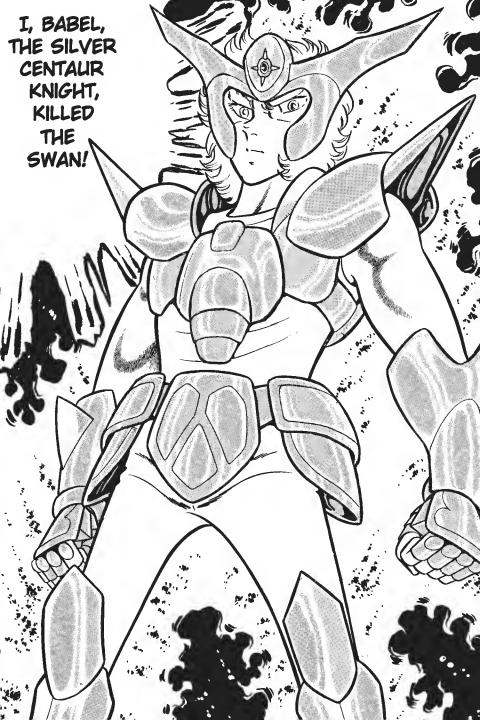








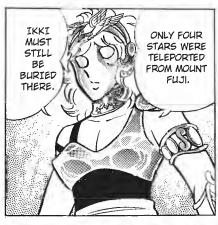










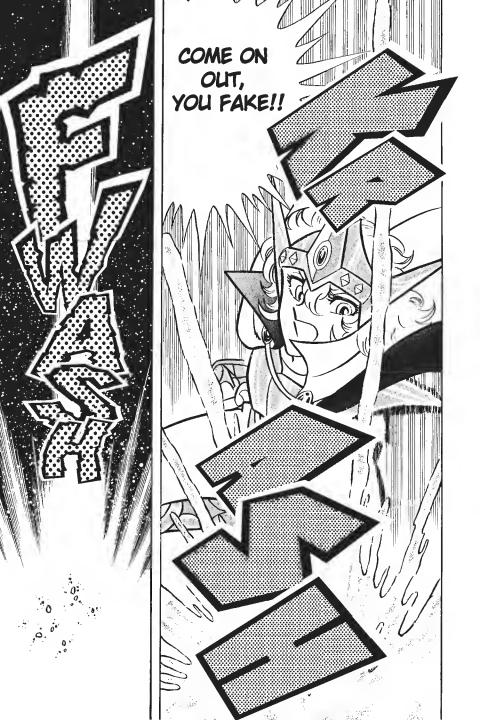








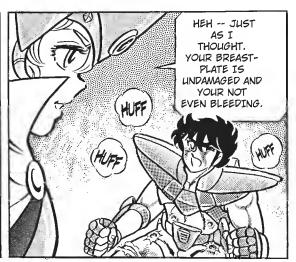










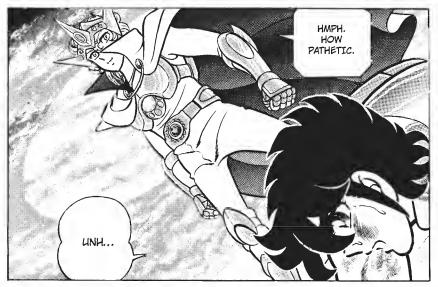








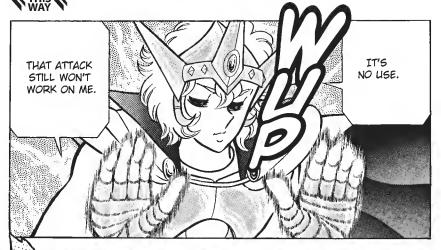






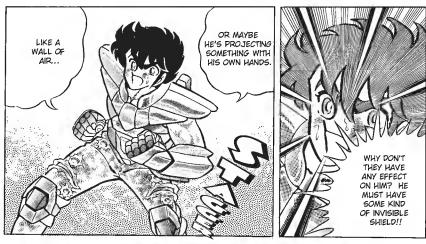




















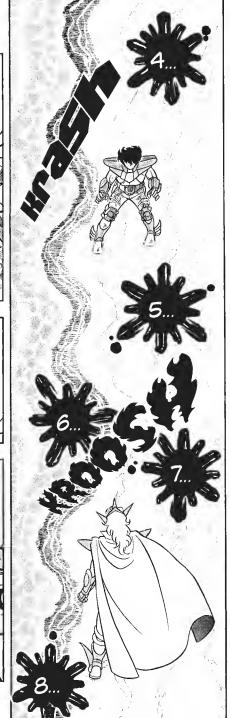










































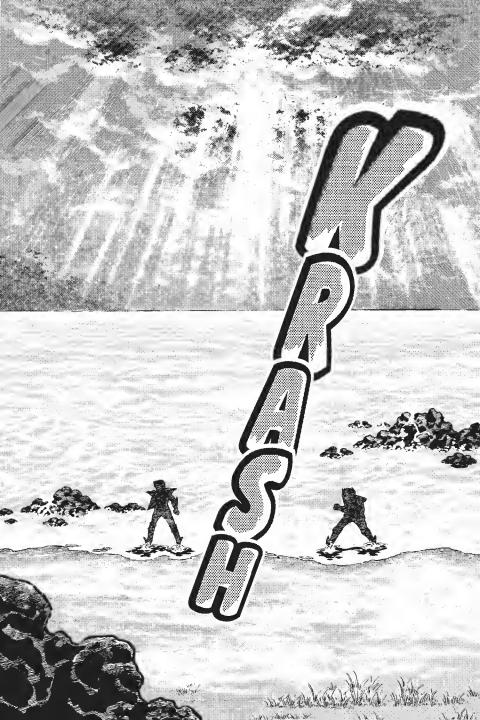












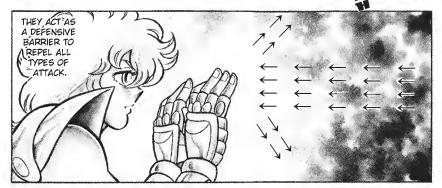




















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